

Grandmother, grandchildren, 7 others die in Ondo auto crashes

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—NO fewer than 10 persons, including a grandmother and her two grandchildren, died in two separate auto crashes in Ondo State, weekend.

The grandmother, identified as Mrs Orukotan, and her grandchildren died when a truck, with number plates LSD 509 XM, developed brake failure and rammed into them at Ibaka Market, in Akungba Akoko, Ajibamidele axis of Benin-Lagos Expressway.

Vanguard gathered that two commuters also lost their lives in the other accident, which occurred on Benin-Lagos Expressway.

An eyewitness, Munitala Rauf, said the truck, which was coming from Ikare axis, swerved as the driver tried to avoid a car near the market.

He said many other traders and passers-by, who were severely injured in the Akungba accident, were taken to the hospital.

According to him, men of Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, and Police officers helped in rescuing those that were injured.

Vanguard gathered that the Ore road crash involved a black SUV and blue Carina car.

An eyewitness said the crash was caused by reckless overtaking, leading to a head-on collision.

Sector Commander of RFSC in the state, Vincent Jack, said the

Meanwhile, Wike has commended DSS and the Nigerian Army for the joint operation that led to Igwedibia's killing.

A statement by Simeon Nwakaudu, Special Assistant to Governor Wike on Electronic Media, quoted Wike as saying "all those who participated in the New Year mayhem at Omoku and any other security infraction in the state will be traced and brought to justice."

He added that the governor said that the N20 million bounty for credible information that would lead to the arrest of the wanted militants is still in effect.



The market where a grandmother and her two grandchildren were killed by a truck.

accident happened at about 1.40p.m., and involved a black Mercedes Benz SUV with number plates EPE 144 EW and a blue Toyota Carina car with number plates KTP 580 RG.

Sector Commander of FRSC in the state, Vincent Jack, said seven

people were involved in the accident, saying six died, while one was injured.

He said the accident was caused by overspeeding.

On the Akungba market accident, Jack said four people died, while two were

injured.

The FRSC boss said: "The bodies have been deposited at the morgue of the State Specialists Hospital in Ikare-Akoko, while the injured were also taken to the same hospital for treatment."

Birthday turns bloody as celebrants' boyfriends fight

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AKURE—A weekend birthday party in Ondo town, Oyo State, turned bloody when one of the celebrant's lovers stabbed another, after an argument ensued over who will have the first dance with the celebrant.

The two men, as well as the celebrant, Vanguard gathered, have been apprehended by the Police.

Reports have it that the victim financed the birthday party.

An eyewitness account has it that the celebrant was

invited to the dance floor by the musician during the party that was held at a popular hotel located at Erinketa Street in the town.

Fight

She was said to have beckoned on the victim to join her on the dance floor, apparently in appreciation of his sponsorship of the bash.

However, the suspect was said to have jumped up from his seat and challenged the celebrant for leaving him out of the show. An argument then ensued.

The suspect, who reportedly went to the party with his friends, stormed out, returned later and stabbed the victim with broken bottle. The party ended as the guests scampered for safety.

Police detectives from the Enuowa Divisional Police Station are investigating the

